ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF WINDHAM.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1873.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the fiscal year ending Feb. 28, 1873:

Money and funds received and taxes made payable to the Treasurer during the year as follows:

1872.

March 1, cash balance in Treasury.....	$668 09
May 4, received of State Treasurer for reimbursement of municipal war expenditures, State bonds.....	5400 00
Cash received of State Treasurer for same.....	58 33
Whole amount of tax assessed and made payable to Treasurer.....	2981 76
Oct. 21, money hired of E. N. Stickney	1000 00
Received of State Treasurer, savings bank tax.....	314 21
Received of State Treasurer, railroad tax	462 17
Received of State Treasurer, literary money	68 95
Feb. 10, money hired of the Ladies Benevolent Society.....	280 00
Rec'd interest on State bonds, July and Jan	324 00

1872 Rec'd of county for support of paupers	$41 45	
" " Rei Hills, collector for 1870..	13 10	
" " " " " 1871..	400 00	
" for the use of town house.....	12 50	
" from C. K. Barker, his note.....	9 50	
" " " interest.....	2 75	
" " Selectmen, balance of highway tax not worked out in highway, Dist. No. 2 and 17.....	13 00	
" from Selectmen, money hired.....	200 00	
" " Horace Berry, collector 1872 interest.....	15 02	
Due on George Copp's note.....	117 48	
		$12,382 31

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By paid 121 orders amounting to.....	$3,837 12	
" Notes and interest.....	2,821 19	
		$6658 31
Due on George Copp's note.....	$117 48	
" from Horace Berry, collector 1872	38 00	
State bonds.	5400 00	
Cash in Treasury.....	168 52	
		$12,382 31

Notes and Interest.

Paid Sarai Armstrong, interest.....	$24 00	
Silas Armstrong, interest	48 00	
Eliza Hills, notes and interest	1022 60	
Clarissa Hills, note and interest.....	725 97	
Isaac Emerson, agt. for Dist. No. 2....	6 00	
Harriet Dinsmoor's note and interest....	841 73	
Horace Anderson, agt. Dist. No. 6.....	7 32	
Samuel Campbell, agt. Ministerial fund	25 57	
Thomas A. Rowell, interest.....	60 00	
Jacob Rowell, interest.....	60 00	
		$2,821 19

Standing of Treasury.

Date and amount of notes against the town:

1864, Aug. 22, (interest paid to Feb. 16, 1873,)		$400 00
1864, Sept. 22, " " " "		800 00
1866, March 1, " " Jan. 23, 1872,		478 00
1866, Dec. 3, " " Dec. 3, 1872,		100 00
1869, Feb. 1, " " Feb. 1, 1872,		122 00
1869, July 1, " " July 1, 1872,		426 00
1871, April 17, " " April 17, 1872,		1000 00
" " " " "		1000 00
1872, Oct. 21		1000 00
1873, Feb. 10		280 00
1873, March 1		100 00
" "		100 00
		$5,806 00
Interest on the above notes due Mar. 1, 1873,	$217 24	
Estimated bills	300 00	
Due school Dist. No. 5, literary money	8 24	
		$6,331 48

Notes and Bonds in favor of the Town.

State bonds	$5400 00	
Interest on the same	54 00	
Due on George Copp's note	117 48	
Due from Horace Berry, collector, 1872	38 00	
Cash in Treasury	168 52	
		$5,778 00
The Treasurer has included in cash in Treasury the tax on dogs for 1872	$56 00	
Amt. of orders for damage to sheep	30 00	
Balance of dog tax in Treasury	26 00	
Whole amount of town debt		$553 48

Recapitulation.

Whole amount received and due the Treasury		$12,436 31
Paid notes and interest	$2821 19	
Town officers	374 50	
For education	1063 94	

Paid For roads and bridges	84 47		
For snow paths	124 25		
For abatement of taxes	11 00		
For non resident highway receipts	63 21		
For miscellaneous	553 21		
For county paupers	27 45		
For town paupers	441 95		
For Nesmith library	263 50		
For cemeteries	329 64		
For receiving tomb	500 00		
Assets of the town	5778 00		
		$12,436	31
Demands against the town	$6,331 48		
Assets	5,778 00		
Whole amount of town debt		$553	48

WILLIAM D. COCHRAN, *Treasurer.*

Windham, Feb. 28, 1873.

We the undersigned, Auditors, have examined the above accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

REI HILLS,
SAMUEL CAMPBELL, } AUDITORS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Town Officers.

Paid Hiram S. Reynolds, balance due as Selectman, 1871.	$9 00
William D. Cochran, balance due as Selectman, 1871	7 25
Leonard A. Morrison, balance due as Selectman, 1871	6 00
Horace Berry, Auditor for 1871	3 00
1872, William D. Cochran, services as Selectman, going to H. S. Reynolds, for town chest.	$1 00
Writing three bonds	50
One half day approving bonds	1 00
Going to Manchester	1 50
Drafting jurors	75
Taking inventory 8 3-4 days	17 50
Making new valuation, six days	12 00
Assessing tax, five days	10 00
Making of inventory to State Treasurer	2 00
Distributing highway warrants	1 50
Making record of taxes	4 00
Making Collector's book	3 00
One half day appointing Collector and taking bonds	1 00
For services on James Pool's petition	75

Paid William D. Cochran for services as Selectman:

Going to J. C. Clark's, relative to D. C. Davidson	1 00	
Regulating guide-boards	2 50	
Hiring money	2 00	
Taking up highway warrants	2 00	
Oct. 19, putting up warrants for town meeting	1 00	
One half day regulating check list	1 00	
Attending town meeting	1 00	
Putting up guide-boards	3 00	
One half day to Manchester for insurance on town house and library	1 00	
Regulating jury box	75	
Drafting jurors	75	
Going to Exeter for county money	1 00	
Preparing check list for printing	1 00	
Going to S. L. Prescott's, relative to Charles Prescott	1 00	
Posting warrant for town meeting	1 00	
One day giving orders	2 00	
		$78 50

1872, Leonard A. Morrison, services as Selectman,

One half day approving bonds	$1 00	
Drafting jurors	75	
7 3-4 days taking inventory	15 50	
Making new valuation, 6 days	12 00	
Assessing taxes 5 1-2 days	11 00	
Distributing highway warrants	1 00	
Appointing Collector, 1-2 day	1 00	
Application of James Pool, relative to changing district lines	75	
General business, 1-2 day	1 00	
Hearing on James Pool's case	75	
Going to J. S. Cottle's, relative to guide-boards	75	
Regulating guide-boards, 1 day	2 00	
Changing district lines	1 00	

Paid Leonard A. Morrison for services as Selectman:

Oct. 19, putting up warrant for town meeting	1 00	
For ordering guide-boards, painting and bringing from Lawrence	1 00	
1-2 day regulating check list	1 00	
Going to Manchester for counsel relative to qualifications of voters	1 25	
Attending town meeting	1 00	
Putting up guide-boards	5 50	
Distributing supplementary catalogues	75	
Drafting jurors	75	
Putting up warrant for town meeting	1 00	
Two days giving orders	4 00	
		$65 75

1872, Joseph L. Cottle's services as Selectman,

One half day approving bonds	1 00	
Drafting jurors	75	
9 days taking inventory	18 00	
6 days making new valuation	12 00	
5 days assessing tax	10 00	
1-2 day appointing Collector	1 00	
Oct. 10, putting up warrant for town meeting	1 00	
Regulating check list	1 00	
Attending town meeting	1 00	
Drafting jurors	75	
Business with Prescott & Davidson	1 00	
Posting warrant for town meeting	1 00	
2 days giving orders	4 00	
Distributing highway warrants	50	
		$53 00

James Cochran, services as town clerk, 1872	$25 00	
Rei Hills, services as Superintending School Committee	40 00	
Rei Hills, Auditor, 1872	4 00	
" " Moderator, 1872, March 12	2 00	
Samuel Campbell, Auditor, 1872	4 00	

Paid Horace Berry, Collector of taxes, 1872.....	50 00	
William D. Cochran, Treasurer, 1872.....	20 00	
William D. Cochran, getting State bonds, paying notes, &c.....	7 00	
		$374 50

Paid for Education.

Paid School Dist. No. 1, town appropriation...	$181 25	
" " tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
" " literary money.....	14 32	
" 2, town appropriation...	196 28	
" " tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
" " literary money.....	7 81	
" 3, town appropriation...	151 23	
" " tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
" " literary money.....	12 57	
" 4, town appropriation ..	77 17	
" " tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
" " literary money.....	6 50	
" 5, town appropriation...	104 56	
" " tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
" " " " 1871	5 28	
" " literary money, 1871	6 85	
" 6, town appropriation...	131 05	
" " tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
" " literary money.....	13 01	
" 7, town appropriation...	54 46	
" " tax from dogs, '70-71	12 00	
" " " " 1871	5 28	
" " literary money, 1871	5 82	
" " literary money.....	6 50	
		$1,063 94
Literary money in town Treasury unpaid belonging to District No. 5.....		$8 24

Highways and Bridges.

Paid John E. Brown, for plank and stringers, 1871	$8 29	
George Copp, for repairing highway, 1871	10 85	
Charles E. Buttrick, for repair of highway near Pelham line	26 56	
James Pool, for repairing highway	11 67	
Abram Woodbury, plank for bridge	4 59	
David Wilbur, for labor and lumber, repairing highway	22 51	
		$84 47

Snow Paths.

Paid Jonathan Stickney,	7 1-2	hours,	1871	$1 25	
Charles E. Buttrick,	23	"	"	3 82	
George Copp,	40	"	1872	6 67	
George W. Noyes,	175	"	1873	29 17	
Charles Buttrick,	190	"	"	31 67	
Abel Dow,	118	"	"	19 67	
John H. Dinsmore,	88	"	"	14 67	
William D. Cochran,	35	"	"	5 83	
Olin Parker,	33	"	"	5 50	
Rei Hills,	27	"	"	4 50	
Joseph C. Armstrong,	9	"	"	1 50	
					$124 25

Abatement of Taxes.

Paid Daniel C. Davidson, 1872,	$4 28	
Giles Merrill, poll tax (over 70 yrs.)	1 43	
Michael Dolan, " "	1 43	
M. G. Frye, and Oliver Simpson's poll tax	2 86	
James W. Smith, dog tax	1 00	
		$11 00

Non Resident Highway Receipts.

Paid Horace Berry, Collector for 1872	$63 21

Miscellaneous.

Paid William H. Fisk, town reports, books and stationery	$40 75
Horace Berry, discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1	105 78
E. P. Richardson, for insurance on library and town house	114 00
James Cochran, for taking care of town house, and hearse	10 00
For lights and wood for town house	9 99
Isaiah Dinsmoor, damage on wagon	8 00
L. D. Sargent, for guide-boards	28 05
Williams & Willison, for bolts	6 40
William D. Cochran, for use of horse	7 25
Joseph L. Cottle, " "	8 00
Leonard A. Morrison, " "	12 50
William D. Cochran, for cash paid for car fare, $5.35, express $1.20, glass and window cord, $1.72, postage and stationery, .95, 3 revenue stamps $3.00	12 22
C. H. Roberts, for copy of reimbursement to soldiers	2 00
Rei Hills, public watering trough	2 00
B. H. Hughes, " "	2 00
William Worledge, " " 1871-72	4 00
" " stone step for graveyard	1 00
Benj. O. Simpson, for powder and fuse	1 85
George B. Poor, for bier, and labor on town house	4 50
Benj. F. Hall, sheriff fees in Frank Wilson case	3 00
Horace Berry, for tax bills	2 50
Leonard A. Morrison, for counsel	3 00
" " for car fare to Manchester, and stationery, correspondence,	4 47
John B. Wilson, repair money for school District No. 7	75 00

Paid Joseph C. Armstrong, for repair money for District No. 6	25 00	
Trustees of Nesmith library, int. on fund	60 00	
		$553 21

County Paupers.

Paid Leonard A. Morrison for keeping 12 transients	$6 50	
W. D. Cochran, for keeping 3 transients	1 95	
J. L. Cottle, keeping 4 transients	3 00	
G. C. Howard, for balance due for medical attendance on T. Kenedy	6 00	
Henry S. Davis, for medical attendance on Aaron Foster	10 00	
		$27 45

Town Paupers.

Paid N. H. Asylum for the Insane, for the board of N. Webster	$199 40	
William J. Campbell, for medical attendance and medicine for J. Clark	44 00	
William J. Campbell, for medical attendance on Daniel C. Davidson	28 00	
S. D. York, for medical attendance on James Clark, 1871	8 80	
D. O. Smith, for medical attendance on Mrs, Johnson, 1871	6 00	
Hiram S. Reynolds, for board of James Clark, from Jan. 14 to July 1, 24 wks.	91 50	
Hiram S. Reynolds, for board of James Clark, from July 1 to Aug. 21, and nursing while sick	43 00	
Hiram S. Reynolds, for coffin, robe, supplies, and funeral expenses of James Clark	18 25	
James Cochran, for services at the burial of James Clark	3 00	
		$441 95

Cemeteries.

Paid W. D. Cochran, for services and labor in enlarging cemeteries	$32 00	
Leonard A. Morrison, for services and labor in enlarging cemeteries	17 25	
Joseph L. Cottle, for services and labor in enlarging cemeteries	16 00	
B. E. Blanchard, for surveying	2 00	
Robert P. Morrison, for land for cemeteries	55 89	
E. B. Smith, " "	22 00	
Absalom Haselton, for labor	7 50	
David Anderson, "	7 00	
John H. Dinsmoor, " of self and team	16 00	
Charles Daniels, "	7 50	
Robert Simpson, "	6 50	
Rei Hills, for labor of self and team	10 00	
James Cochran, for labor of self and team	15 00	
" " for building 46 rods of wall	115 00	
		$329 64

Receiving Tomb.

To 52 3-4 days' work of John Ellenwood, at $3 per day,	$158 25
12 1-2 " G. L. Webster, at $2 per day,	25 00
Use of tools	3 25
Sharpening tools	12 79
J. C. Armstrong, for board	1 00
J. G. Bradford, "	3 75
P. S. Call, "	36 00
James Mansfield, "	50
——— Knapp, for stone	1 00
2 casks cement	5 70
12 lbs. lead	1 80
James Marden, one day's work	3 00
William Butterworth and oxen	6 86
James Cochrane and oxen, $4 per day	29 00
William Dobbins, for iron door for tomb	32 00
Rei Hills, for 36 ft. split stone, 50 cts per ft	18 00
" 57 3-4 days' work and board, $3	172 75
" 4 1-4 days, oxen and man	12 50

To Rei Hills, for going to Nashua, Derry, meeting committee, and drawing stone.....	6 00
" use of horse and wagon.....	5 00
42 lbs. iron bolts, 9 cts. per lb.....	3 78
	$537 93
Paid Rei Hills, Building Committee	500 00
Due on the above bill.....	$37 93

Nesmith Library.

Paid Leonard R. Morrison, for expense procuring books,	$10 30
Leonard A. Morrison, for labor in selecting, purchasing, numbering. and arranging books in Nesmith Library, and making supplementary Catalogue	24 75
Trustees of Nesmith Library, for money expended for boxes, Boston freightage, &c., for Nesmith Library, 1871.....	9 23
Noyes, Holmes & Co., for cover-paper for books, and Literary World	15 22
George S. Merrill & Co., for printing 350 catalogues for Nesmith Library, 1871	137 25
George S. Merrill & Co., for printing 350 supplementary catalogues for Nesmith Library.....	24 50
William D. Cochran, for curtain and ladder for Library, and freight upon books.....	5 65
Eliza Hills, for covering 250 books for Library.. ..	1 60
Clara Hills, for services as Librarian.....	35 00
	$263 50

Town House.

Paid David Young for 1 1-4 cords wood...	$5 00	
James Cochran, for carting wood.....	1 25	
" sawing and putting in same, ...	1 50	
B. O. Simpson, oil and wicks	2 24	
James Cochran, care of town house,.....	8 00	
	——	$17 99

		Cr.	
By cash received for use of hall	$12 50		
Wood on hand	5 50		
			$18 00

Recapitulation.

Whole amount received and due the Treasury			$12,436 31
Paid notes and interst	$2,821 19		
Town officers	374 50		
For education	1,063 94		
Roads and bridges	84 47		
Snow paths	124 25		
Abatement of taxes	11 00		
Non-resident highway receipts	63 21		
Miscellaneous	553 21		
County Paupers	27 45		
Town Paupers	441 95		
Nesmith Library	263 59		
Cemeteries	329 64		
Receiving Tomb	500 00		
Assets of the Town	5778 00		
			$12,436 31
Demands against the town	$6,331 48		
Total Assets	5,778 00		
Whole amount of Town debt			$553 48

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. COCHRAN,
LEONARD A. MORRISON,
JOSEPH L. COTTLE,
Selectmen of Windham.

We, the undersigned Auditors have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched,

REI HILLS,
SAMUEL CAMPBELL,
Auditors.

Ministerial Fund.

Report of the Agent of the Ministerial fund for the year ending Feb. 28, 1873,

		Dr.	
To two bonds against City of Manchester,...	$1,500 00		
one note against the town,.....	426 18		
Interest on the Bonds.....	90 00		
" town note,.....	25 57		
			$2,041 75
		Cr.	
By amount of bonds and notes.....	$1,926 18		
paid interest, Presbyterian Religious Soc.	115 57		
			$2,041 75

SAMUEL CAMPBELL, *Agent of Fund.*

We, the undersigned Auditors have examined the above account and find them correctly cast.

REI HILLS,
SAMUEL CAMPBELL, } *Auditors.*

Valuation of the town, April 1, 1873.

Real and personal estate.....	$328,038 00
Number of Polls, 183	
Poll tax.....	1 43
Rate of taxation, 1.43 per	100 00
State tax, 1872.....	768 00
County tax, 1872.....	1269 10
School tax, 1872.....	896 00
Amount of money voted 1872	1500 00
Debt of town March 1, 1863,.....	7136 75
" " " 1864.....	7,205 83
" " " 1865.....	15,573 41
" " " 1866	14,000 01
" " " 1867.....	16,405 58
" " " 1868.....	11,157 26
" " " 1869.....	10,256 07
" " " 1870.....	9,909 50
" " " 1871	7,682 09
" " " 1872.....	5,883 32
" " " 1873.....	553 48

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NESMITH LIBRARY.

Statement of Accounts.

Money at disposal of trustees March 12, 1872	$1000 00
Received from the town as interest on fund	60 00
Amount received from interest and fines	71 07
	$1,131 07
Paid Noyes, Holmes & Co., April 11, 1872	$867 57
" " Nov. 11, "	263 50
	$1,131 07
Money due Noyes, Holmes & Co., April 1, 1873	$34 12
Money in hands of trustees, $7 89 / Duplicate book to be returned, $1.00	8 89
Present indebtedness, above amount in hands of trustees	$25 23

Number of volumes in library at commencement of the year, 1582
Number at present time, 1834
Number of volumes taken from the library during the year was five thousand five hundred and ninety three.

To the Inhabitants of Windham: The Board of Trustees, in presenting a report of the affairs of the Nesmith Library during the year, would announce its continued prosperity, and that it meets and supplies a want of our citizens. The Trustees have aimed to establish the Library upon a sure and broad basis, and in purchasing books under the general heads of history, science, general literature, &c., preference has been given to such works as they believed would meet the wants of the reading community, rather than to those costly works which are better calculated to aid the researches of the scholar, trusting that the Library would, by future accessions, gradually arrive at that symmetry and completeness which is so desirable to be attained. An addition of two hundred and fifty two volumes has been made to the Library during the year. Catalogues and Supplementary Cataloguee of the books in the Library have been issued and distributed to our citizens.

There should be continued additions to the Library of fresh, new works, as they appear, and if the interest upon the fund is

not sufficient for that purpose, some other means should be adopted for the attainment of that end. For that prosperity which shall be permanent, and which shall make this Library an element of strength, and a power among us, it demands our watchful care, our generous support. Without these, no public enterprise can prosper ; without them a public library must decline—with them it will be a pillar of strength and a fountain of good. This Library, which has become a permanent institution of the town, should be an object of our regard and pride. With the common school—one the complement of the other—it should stand side by side, both objects of our patronage and favor. One being the basis of the intelligence of our people, the other will be a source of their mental strength and intellectual vigor.

JAMES COCHRAN,
WILLIAM D. COCHRAN,
LEONARD A. MORRISON,
JOSEPH L. COTTLE,
} *Board of Trustees.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

District No. 1.

The summer term was taught by Miss Carrie A. Smith of Pelham. The examination at the close of the term passed off quite well. Reading and recitations of the first class were good. There was evident improvement in the manner of speaking, which heretofore has been, by many, so low that they could not be distinctly heard, and some still speak too low. The order was not as good as we like to see.

Fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Susan M. Smith of Pelham. She has taught school many terms, was well qualified as to knowledge of the various studies and had the goodwill of the scholars, so that at the close of the term the recitations were promptly recited. The reading of the first classes was good, and an exercise by the school in bounding the counties of the State was interesting, also answers to questions in Physiology which showed that the teacher had drilled them in these exercises. But there was a laxity in order which greatly injures the appearance of a school. The committee at the first visit referred to the order and hoped that would be sufficient, as the teacher thought there would be no trouble in sustaining order, but we did not find the improvement desired and expected. There are a few who if they would speak loud enough to be distinctly heard would make the school appear much better.

District No. 2.

The summer term was taught by Miss Mary A. Marshall of Chelmsford, Mass. This school was small, numbering only nine scholars at the commencement and eight at the close of the term. The school appeared quiet, and the lessons promptly recited. In a school so small there is not room for much excitement or emulation among the scholars.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. F. J. Hughes of Windham. He has been unfortunate in losing his right arm, which must make it very hard to manage a school, yet he has succeeded in maintaining order and giving good satisfaction. A large number were present at the examination, who, with the committee, gave evidence of their pleasure at his success in teaching.

District No. 3.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Alice D. Morse of Derry. This was her first attempt at teaching and she succeeded well for a young teacher. The reading was not quite as good as the spelling. Twenty-one scholars were present at the first visit of the committee and only fourteen at the close of the term.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Frank N. Parsons of Derry, a student of Dartmouth College. This was his first term at teaching. He was not quite as familiar with the common branches studied in our schools as some are who have not had their minds occupied by the study of Latin and Greek, yet we think he tried to do well. Your committee believe there is not that union of feeling and interest among the parents of the district there should be in regard to the school, as appears from the small number that visit the school. There is also, evidently, a looseness, and kind of vulgarity in the manners of the scholars out of school, which needs the watchful care of the teacher and especially of the parents. Why is it that at the close of the Summer term only $\frac{2}{3}$ of the scholars were present, and of the Winter term only $\frac{1}{3}$? It is evident there is something wrong. The teacher cannot oblige the scholars to come to the school, it is not his duty. His duty is to manage them at school and, perhaps, on the way to and from school, it is the parents' duty to

see that they are present. Those that were present at the close of the Winter term did themselves credit, especially the class in Mental Arithmetic. The committee had requested this class to learn the multiplication table during the term, they succeeded finely, and every parent must have been gratified to have heard them. But what can your committee say in commendation of those that were absent? Nothing! no, nothing! Nor yet of those parents who without a sufficient excuse allowed their children to stay at home.

District No. 4.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Josephine Bartley of Windham. This was her first trial as a teacher. She obtained the good-will of the school, was well qualified, and succeeded so well that she was engaged for the Fall term, both of which proved creditable to the teacher, and we think she bids fair to be useful in this employment.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Josephine Bradford of Derry, an experienced teacher, having taught some forty months previous to this term, and, as was expected, the exercises at the close of the term told what they had been doing during the weeks of school. The parents, with a few exceptions, in the district seem to enjoy a visit to the school-room, and take an interest in the school.

District No. 5.

Summer term was taught by Miss Ella J. Burns of Windham. This was her first term. She was young, and evidently did not take pride in acquainting herself with the lessons to be recited, which a young teacher ought to do in order to gain the respect and good-will of the school, and interest the class. But the school being small and the scholars well disposed, the school appeared better at its close than was anticipated by some.

Winter term was taught by Miss Martha Hills, also of Windham. She has had a good share of experience in teaching, has taught in this district three terms before this. She is a good disciplinarian, order being one of the first principles in her school, and as is usually the case with such teachers where the parents

cöoperate with them, a good school is expected and is obtained. We think the Prudential Committee was fortunate in obtaining so good a teacher for this small school.

District No. 6.

Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Mattie Scribner of Raymond. Miss Scribner is an experienced teacher, has taught four terms in this district previous to this, and needs no further recommendation from your committee. She makes teaching her business and succeeds well, takes especial interest in the larger and more advanced scholars. We see the wisdom of the prudential committee in obtaining the same teacher for so many terms.

District No. 7

Was taught by F. J. Hughes, of Windham, the same that taught in No. 2 with like success. They have but one term in the year, as the school is small and the amount of money being small also. Some come from Derry to this school and some from this District go to Derry when the two schools do not both keep at the same time.

General Remarks.

Fellow citizens of Windham: In presenting to you the report of our schools for the year past, your committee would urge the hearty cöoperation of parents and guardians with the teachers in governing and sustaining our schools. It is utterly impossible for a teacher to sustain good order in school, where the parents countenance disorder. We must respect the teacher if we wish our children to respect them. Children readily understand whether their parents respect and favor the teacher or not, although they do not tell it in words. We would like to impress upon the minds of Prudeutial committees the responsibilities resting on them. Do not hire a teacher because he or she applies for the school, but strive to learn whether they have good common sense, patience, perseverance, a mild temper and yet firmness, for a good teacher needs all these qualities. The prudential committee has as good and often a better opportunity than the school committee

to learn in regard to these qualities. It is the duty of the school committee to examine those who propose to teach, in regard to their knowledge of the branches to be taught in our schools. But it is very unpleasant and difficult for the committee after a person has been engaged and sent for examination and found qualified, as far as book knowledge is concerned, to refuse a certificate on account of an evident lack of certain qualities necessary to a successful teacher. It is much easier for the prudential committee not to engage such a person in the first place, and avoid much unpleasant talk and disagreeable feeling. Our common schools, the corner-stone of our republic, should be watched and cared for by all who wish for the peace and prosperity of our nation. Your committee would again refer to the register. Let every parent see to it, that no black marks stand recorded there against his child's name. It is disheartening to the child and it should shame the parent. Let no parent allow their children to stay at home a day from school on any account, if able to have them there, especially the last day. No matter how poorly clad compared with his neighbors, if his clothes are clean and comfortable, if not, let them be made clean. If they are backward in their studies, it will make them more so to keep at home.

Your committee have made thirty-one visits to the different schools, have noticed many things worthy of commendation, also pointed out some defects where they have thought improvement ought to be made. We have not been called to visit any school on account of disorder, either by parents or teacher. Although we have had general success in our schools, let us persevere and press onward and upward in endeavoring to place the standard of our schools still higher.

ROLL OF HONOR.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

District No. 1.

SUMMER TERM.

Clara B. Dinsmoor.
Katie A. Dinsmoor,
Lizzie E. Wardwell.
Flora E. Dustin.
Abbie J. Lampson.
Clara B. Brown.
Lucy S. Procter.
Charles O. Parker.
Charles H. Dinsmoor.
Horace P. Dinsmoor.
Willie Dinsmoor.
Joseph W. Dinsmoor.
Joseph A. Lampson.
Elmer H. Cochran.

FALL TERM.

Lucy S. Proctor.
Clara B. Brown.
Mary J. Brown.
Lizzie M. Dinsmoor.
Willie W. Dinsmoor.
Charles H. Dinsmoor.
Horace P. Dinsmoor.
George W. Dinsmoor.
Charles O. Parker.
Elma H. Cochran.

WINTER TERM.

Clara B. Dinsmoor.
Katie A. Dinsmoor.
Joseph W. Dinsmoor.
Willie W. Dinsmoor.
Charles H. Dinsmoor.
Horace P. Dinsmoor.
Herbert W. Haseltine.
Lucy S. Proctor.
Charles O. Parker.
Alice M. Smith.

District No. 2.

SUMMER TERM.

Walter E. Baley.

WINTER TERM.

George Haseltine.
John Warledge.

District No. 3.

SUMMER TERM.

Lydia L. Esty.
Lizzie J. Esty.
Abbie F. Palmer.
Hattie S. Smith.
Moody M. Esty.
Loren J. Hardy.

WINTER TERM.

Frank W. Bodwell.
Mary E. Bodwell.
Nellie M. Alexander.

District No. 4.

SUMMER TERM.

Ida J. Kendall.
Cindre J. Moore.
Fannie Humphry.
Lizzie Humphry.

FALL TERM.

Alice J. Moore.
Nellie O. Moore.
Ida J. Kendall.
Lottie A. Reynolds.

WINTER TERM.

George H. Barker.
H. Reid Campbell.
Ida J. Kendall.
Alice J. Moore.

District No. 5.

SUMMER TERM.

Ella A. Barker.
Mary J. Goodwin.
Ellen L. Hills.
Ella L. Palmer.
Flora B. Palmer.
Vena F. Russell.
Fred. W. Russell.
Edward Titcomb.

WINTER TERM.

Forest Campbell.
James E. Goodwin.
Mary B. Titcomb.
Ella A. Barker.
Flora B. Palmer.

District No. 6.

SUMMER TERM.

Mary A. Nesmith.
Ellen R. Cochran.
Lizzie C. Scott.
Willie S. Harris.
Frank L. Woodman.
John E. Cochran.
Charles I. Woodman.
Charles H. Cochran.

WINTER TERM.

L. Etta Woodman.
Frank L. Woodman.
John E. Cochran.
Willie H. Woodman.
Charles I. Woodman.
Charles H. Cochran.

District No. 7.

SUMMER TERM.

Annie Owens.
Fannie A. Whitney.
Carrie V. Whitney.
Thomas Owen.
Willie Owen.
Michael Owens.
Eddie Wilson.

A number of others almost reached the Honor-roll, having only one mark against them. Try again! Try again!

PRUDENTIAL COM.	TEACHERS.		
Dist.	*Summer Term.*	*Fall Term.*	*Winter Term.*
No. 1. Wm. A. Dinsmoor.	Carrie A. Smith.	Susan M. Smith.	Susan M. Smith.
2. Joseph L. Cottle.	Mary M. Marshall.		F. J. Hughes.
3. Benj. H. Hughes.	Alice D. Morse.		Frank N. Parsons.
4. John H. Campbell.	Josephine Bartley.	Josephine Bartley.	Josephine Bradford.
5. Asa Butrick.	Ella J. Burns.		Martha Hills.
6. Jacob A. Nesmith.	Mattie F. Scribner.		Mattie F. Scribner.
7. John B. Wilson.	F. J. Hughes.		

STATISTICAL TABLE

RECAPITULATION.	SUMMER.							FALL.		WINTER.					
No. of Districts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	4	1	2	3	4	5	6
Length of Schools	8	14	10	10	7	10	12	8	10	9	15	10	10	11	12
Wages per month	24	28	21	26	21	32	28	32	22	32	40	40	27	32	34
No. of Scholars	34	9	21	16	16	28	17	26	13	36	18	27	14	23	29
Average attendance	29	7	59-68	18½	15	14	4-7	25	15	23	11	32	15	19	11	18	9-10	25
No. between 4 & 14 not attending	4	..	1	..	2	2	..	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	1
No. of Tardinesses	11	..	8	18	2	5	2	8	28	36	8	35	15	9	13
No. of Dismissals	2	3	..	3	..	..	2	6	3	3	..	9	6	1	..
No. not absent one half day	15	1	6	8	10	9	7	10	5	10	2	3	3	7	8
No. corporeal punishments	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
No. visits by School Committee	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
No. visits by Prudential Com.	1	..	4	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	1
No. visits by citizens	7	10	18	18	35	47	13	30	17	45	59	5	19	24	41
No. in Reading and Spelling	34	9	21	16	16	27	17	26	13	36	18	27	14	22	27
No. in Writing	18	6	8	13	9	17	10	20	3	27	12	7	11	11	18
No. in Arithmetic	28	7	16	14	11	21	14	23	12	35	15	23	12	17	21
No. in Grammar	9	6	6	7	3	10	4	7	3	15	11	8	5	5	10
No. in Geography	11	4	4	4	7	13	6	10	5	16	4	6	5	7	13
No. in Composition	..	..	..	5	..	10		..	..	..	..	..	4	..	6
No. in History	2	2	1	..	1	4	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	3	4
No. in Physiology	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..
No. in Book-keeping	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..
No. in Algebra	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..
No. in Philosophy	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..
No. in Analysis	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
No. in Latin Grammar	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

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5,	104 56	†6 85 *8 25	†5 28 12 00	136 94
6,	131 05	13 01	12 00	156 06
7,	54 46	6 50 †5 82	12 00 †5 28	84 06
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